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SUBJECT: IRANIAN HELICOPTERS TO PAKISTAN

REFS: A) TEHRAN 6185; B) TEHRAN 6145; C) NEW DELHI 10093;

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1. WE WELCOME EMBASSY INITIATIVE IN SUGGESTING TO IRANIANS
THAT THEY INFORM INDIANS OF ARMED HELICOPTER DEPLOYMENT TO
PAKISTAN. HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT IRANIANS DECIDE TO IN-
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FORM INDIANS, WHEN STORY BECOMES PUBLIC IT IS LIKELY US
CONGRESS AND INDIAN GOVERNMENT WILL QUERY US AS TO WHETHER
USG CONCURRED IN DEPLOYMENT TO PAKISTAN AND WHETHER WE
BELIEVE IRANIAN ACTION CONSISTENT WITH US ARMS POLICY. TO

PROPERLY EVALUATE SITUATION DEPARTMENT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ORIGIN AND EMPLOYMENT OF HELICOPTERS.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED IN COORDINATION WITH ARMISH-MAAG TO PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A) ORIGINAL OF HELICOPTERS DEPLOYED AND APPLICABLE CONTRACT PROVISIONS IF COMMERCIAL PURCHASE.

B) PLANNED DURATION OF DEPLOYMENT.

C) NATURE OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.

D) DEGREE TO WHICH HELICOPTERS ASSIMILATED INTO PAK MILITARY COMMAND STRUCTURE.

3) NATURE OF HELICOPTER ARMAMENT.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT MUCH OF ABOVE INFORMATION CAN PERHAPS ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO RAISE THESE QUESTIONS WITH IRANIANS AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FROM CONGRESS WHICH HAS CLOSE INTEREST IN US ARMS SALES IN GENERAL AND ARMS POLICY TOWARD SUBCONTINENT IN PARTICULAR. APPROACH SHOULD BE LOW-KEY IN SPIRIT OF NEED FOR FACTS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS WE SHARE.

4. FOR DELHI. UNTIL WE ABLE TO MORE FULLY EVALUATE SITUATION, YOU SHOULD AVOID RESPONDING TO ANY INDIAN INQUIRIES RE HELICOPTER DEPLOYMENT. ROGERS

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